

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2875–S2898

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4365–4377, and S. Res. 668–669. **Page S2893**

Measures Reported:

S. 138, to waive certain pay limitations for Department of Agriculture and Department of the Interior employees engaged in emergency wildland fire suppression activities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 117–119)

H.R. 4363, to establish a daily public reporting requirement for covered contract awards of the Department of Homeland Security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 117–120)

H.R. 6089, to clarify that section 107 of the Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act applies sanctions with respect to unmanned combat aerial vehicles following a 2019 change by the United Nations providing additional clarity to the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms, with amendments. **Page S2891**

Measures Considered:

Honoring Our Pact Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3967, to improve health care and benefits for veterans exposed to toxic substances, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2875–83, S2884–87**

Pending:

Tester/Moran Amendment No. 5051, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2875**

Schumer Amendment No. 5065 (to Amendment No. 5051), to add an effective date. **Page S2875**

Schumer Amendment No. 5076 (to the text proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 5051), to add an effective date. **Page S2887**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Tester/Moran Amendment No. 5051 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, June 9, 2022, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 13, 2022. **Page S2887**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of Tester/Moran Amendment No. 5051 (listed above). **Page S2887**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the filing deadline for first-degree amendments to Tester/Moran Amendment No. 5051 (listed above) and the underlying bill be at 4 p.m., on Monday, June 13, 2022. **Page S2887**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the bill at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, June 13, 2022; and that the motions to invoke cloture filed on Thursday, June 9, 2022 ripen at 5:30 p.m. **Page S2898**

Executive Reports of Committees: Senate received the following executive report of a committee:

Report to accompany Amendments to the Treaty on Fisheries between the Governments of Certain Pacific Island States and the Government of the United States of America (Treaty Doc. 115–3) (Ex. Rept. 117–3). **Page S2893**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 51 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 223), Robert Steven Huie, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California. **Page S2883**

By 49 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 224), Samuel R. Bagenstos, of Michigan, to be General Counsel of the Department of Health and Human Services. **Page S2884**

Dana Katherine Bilyeu, of Nevada, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board for a term expiring October 11, 2023.

Leona M. Bridges, of California, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board for a term expiring October 11, 2023.

Stacie Olivares, of California, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board for a term expiring September 25, 2024.

Michael F. Gerber, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board for a term expiring September 25, 2022.

Michael F. Gerber, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board for a term expiring September 25, 2026.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today.
(Total—224) **Pages S2883–84**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:48 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, June 13, 2022. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2898.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AGRICULTURAL TRADE

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Subcommittee on Commodities, Risk Management, and Trade concluded a hearing to examine agricultural trade, focusing on priorities and issues facing America's farmers, after receiving testimony from Neal Fisher, North Dakota Wheat Commission, Mandan; Gopinath Munisamy, University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Athens; Karla Baker Thompson, JET Farms Georgia and Integrity Farms, Camilla; and Sheryl Meshke, Associated Milk Producers Inc., New Ulm, Minnesota, on behalf of the National Milk Producers Federation.

SAVING SOCIAL SECURITY

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine saving Social Security, after receiving testimony from Stephen C. Goss, Chief Actuary, Social Security Administration; and Nancy J. Altman, and Alex Lawson, both of Social Security Works, Robert Roach, Jr., Alliance for Retired Americans, Maya MacGuineas, Committee for a Responsible

Federal Budget, and Shai Akabas, Bipartisan Policy Center, all of Washington, D.C.

NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications, Media, and Broadband concluded an oversight hearing to examine the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, after receiving testimony from Alan Davidson, Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce.

USFS BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2023 for the Forest Service, after receiving testimony from Randy Moore, Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL ACT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure concluded a hearing to examine S. 4244, to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to prohibit the manufacture, processing, use, and distribution in commerce of commercial asbestos and mixtures and articles containing commercial asbestos, after receiving testimony from Linda Reinstein, Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization, Redondo Beach, California; Danny Whu, International Association of Fire Fighters, and Robert J. Simon, American Chemistry Council, both of Washington, D.C.; and David Lee Boone, Copiah Water Association, Hazlehurst, Mississippi.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 4171, to reauthorize the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1160, to prioritize efforts of the Department of State to combat international trafficking in covered synthetic drugs and new psychoactive substances, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3211, to continue the whole-of-government approach to ending global wildlife poaching and trafficking by permanently reauthorizing the activities of the Presidential Task Force on Wildlife Trafficking, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;